

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please CANCEL claims 11, 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A business management support method in which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected via a network with one another, said method comprising:

collecting enterprise information in said computer of said service provider from said computer of said service beneficiary;

providing said collected enterprise information collected by the computer of said service provider to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

~~posting results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to said computer of said service intermediary, and adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

receiving in the computer of said service provider a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary by preparing support information tempered with service intermediary business information by the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the computer of said service intermediary.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said service intermediary is a bank which has dealings with said service beneficiary.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein depending on predefined follow levels, masking is effected in sequence on:  
  
enterprise information collected in said collecting enterprise information,  
  
enterprise information provided to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator in said providing said collected enterprise information, and  
  
the results of consultation on which said computer of said service beneficiary is posted in said posting the results .
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein when said follow level is a maximum level, said enterprise information and said results of consultation are completely indicated without masking, and wherein when said follow level is a minimum level, masking is made on attribute information other than requisite items in said enterprise information and said results of consultation, and wherein when said follow level is a level lying between said maximum level and said minimum level, said attribute information is indicated partially or in a simplified manner.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said intellectual service cooperator includes an auditing corporation, a think tank, a securities firm and a capital gain company.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising executing a business management support service using digital contract information by said computer of said service provider , that includes management diagnosis, support of going public business, support of publicity work for investors and support of various settlements.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable record medium having thereon recorded a

business management support program to be run by a computer of a service provider which is connected via a network with computers of a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said program comprising:

collecting enterprise information in said computer of said service provider from said computer of said service beneficiary;

providing said collected enterprise information collected by the computer of said service provider to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

~~posting said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator, and adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

receiving in the computer of said service provider a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary by preparing support information tempered with service intermediary business information by the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the computer of said service intermediary.

13. (Currently Amended) A business management support system having a network via which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected with one another, said system comprising:

an information collecting unit which collects enterprise information from said computer of said service beneficiary;

a requesting unit which provides said collected enterprise information collected by said information collecting unit to said computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

an information providing unit which upon receipt of a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary by preparing support information tempered with service intermediary business information by the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the

~~computer of said service intermediary, which posts said computer of said service intermediary on the results of consultation received from said computer of said intellectual service cooperator, said information providing unit adding service intermediary transaction information to said results to create support information for provision to said service beneficiary.~~

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

an application service provider (ASP) including an ASP server collecting enterprise information;

a service beneficiary sending the enterprise information to said ASP server;

an intellectual service cooperator including an intellectual service cooperating server, and receiving, in said intellectual service cooperating server, said enterprise information from said ASP server, and providing a consultation in accordance with the received enterprise information; and

a service intermediary including a bank server, and receiving, in said bank server, results of said consultation, and adding service information to the results, to create support information, and providing said support information to said service beneficiary.